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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
DATED MARCH 27, 2007**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is made in reply to the Office Action mailed March 27, 2007, setting a three-month shortened statutory period of response expiring June 27, 2007. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: